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Willard M. Miller, right, assistant professor of philosophy at the University of Vermont, speaks to students protesting CIA

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recruitment on campus. Interviews with the recruiters are slated Dec. 9 and 10 at the Career Development Office.

# Students Protest CIA Recruitment

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Thirty-nine students, many carrying signs, marched on the University of Vermont Career Development office Monday noon to protest Central Intelligence Agency recruitment.

Gathered on the lawn of the South Prospect Street office, they heard Willard M. Miller, an assistant professor of philosophy, briefly describe the agency's history from its origin as the Office of Strategic Services in World War II.

Miller, a former Army intelligence officer, said the CIA provided the climate for America's entry into the Vietnam War, helped topple Indonesian President Sukarno in the 1960s and is present today in East Timor "where it represents the most murderous group in the world."

The agency will send its recruiters to the campus Dec. 9 and 10. The campus office is signing up students through Wednesday and no CIA recruiters were present.

Miller said the group should ask the university administration why it supports a government agency which, he charged, violates affirmative action programs on hiring. The CIA, Miller said, discriminates against gays and lesbians by refusing to hire them.

"This is simply a mechanism to block the CIA on this campus," Miller said.

Andrew Maples, a student organizer, described the CIA as an "oppressive organization" that should be banned from the campus. He objects to part of his tuition being spent on the Career Development office that allows CIA recruiters to use space there.

Secretaries at the office declined to say how many students had signed up for interviews, but Sue Trainer, a secretary in the reception area, said "fewer than 18" had registered and dropped off resumes.

She said interest in CIA jobs on the UVM campus has grown during the three years she has worked at the office.